

### REMARKS

In the present case, claims 1, 5, 6, 12, 15 and 19 have been amended. Claims 37-47 have been added. Claims 1-24 and 31-47 are now in this case.

The specification of the present invention describes an information processing device, such as a video game entertainment system, that, in general, allows a user of an operation terminal, such as a video game controller, to easily identify what information the information processing device associates with a particular operation terminal. In accordance with one of the aspects of the present invention, the information processing device generates display information that provides information concerning the connection of operation terminals and then transmits that display information to the operation terminals.

Claims 1-24 and 31-42 were rejected as being allegedly anticipated by the *DeAngelis* patent (United States Patent No. 6,247,994). The *DeAngelis* patent discloses a central station that communicates with a plurality of controllers to control a plurality of toys. Each controller 42, as shown in FIG. 2, has a button 58 that can be depressed to actuate a switch 59 to allow a user to select a vehicle. Each controller 42 also has a plurality of light emitting diodes 93 that indicate which vehicle, if any, has been selected. See, the *DeAngelis* patent, col. 12, lns. 7-17. The central station 64, shown in FIG. 3, interrogates successive controllers 42 on a cyclic basis, and because it knows which one of the controllers 42 is being interrogated at each instant, it knows which controller 42 is responding. *Id.*, col. 13, lns. 5-14. During the interrogation, the central station 64 receives information regarding the status of the switches and the selected vehicle from the controller 42 being interrogated. *Id.*, col. 13, lns. 23-42. Based on this information, the central station 64 formulates a composite address the indicating the controller 42 and a selected vehicle being controlled. *Id.*, col. 13, lns. 43-46. The central station 64 then sends out packet of information having a four bit address that the vehicles use to access the packet. *Id.*, col. 14, lns. 31-36. The central station in the *DeAngelis* patent does not transmit information concerning the correlation of controllers to a particular vehicle to any of the controllers – instead it receives that information from the controllers.

Claim 1 specifies an information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals. The device includes means for generating correlation information that expresses the correlation between operation terminals and information operable through the

operation terminals. Claim 1 further requires the device to include means for outputting the correlation information to the operation terminal. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest an information processing device that transmits information to an operation terminal – it discloses the opposite. Accordingly, allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and therefore incorporate each limitation of claim 1. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claims 2-4 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claims 2-4 is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 also specifies an information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals. Claim 5 requires, among other elements, a unit that outputs correlation information to operation terminals. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest an information processing device that outputs information to an operation terminal. Accordingly, allowance of claim 5 is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 specifies a method for processing information in an information processing device that is connected to a plurality of operation terminals. Claim 6 requires, among other steps, the step of outputting correlation information to the plurality of operation terminals. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest this step. Accordingly, allowance of claim 6 is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-11 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 6 and therefore incorporate each limitation of claim 6. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claims 7-11 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claims 7-11 is respectfully requested.

Claim 12 specifies an operation terminal that requires a means for providing a display and means for receiving correlation information, wherein the correlation information is displayed on the operation terminal. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest an operation terminal that receives correlation information. Accordingly, allowance of claim 12 is respectfully requested.

Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12 and therefore incorporate each limitation of claim 12. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claims 13 and 14 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claims 13 and 14 is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 specifies an operation terminal that requires a display and means for receiving correlation information, wherein the correlation information is displayed on the operation terminal. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest an operation terminal that receives correlation information. Accordingly, allowance of claim 15 is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 specifies an information transmitting device connected to a connection terminal of an information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals. The information transmitting device includes value setting means for setting a value corresponding with the connection to the connection terminal and information corresponding to the value set by the value setting means is transmitted to the operation terminals. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest transmitting such information to an operation terminal. Accordingly, allowance of claim 16 is respectfully requested.

Claim 17 depends from claim 16, and therefore incorporates each limitation of claim 16. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claim 16 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 also specifies an information transmitting device connected to a connection terminal of an information processing device capable of connecting a plurality of operation terminals. The information transmitting device includes a unit for setting a value corresponding with the connection to the connection terminal of the information processing device and information corresponding to the value set by the unit is transmitted to the operation terminals. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest transmitting such information to an operation terminal. Accordingly, allowance of claim 18 is respectfully requested.

Claim 19 specifies a method for transmitting information. The method includes the step of detecting a set value corresponding with the connection of an information processing device to a connection terminal wherein the information processing device is capable of connecting to a plurality of operation terminals. It also includes the step of transmitting information corresponding with the set value to the plurality of operation terminals. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest transmitting such information to a plurality of operation terminals. Accordingly, allowance of claim 19 is respectfully requested.

Claim 20 depends from claim 19, and therefore incorporates each limitation of claim 19. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claim 20 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Claim 21 specifies an information communication system that includes an information processing device and a plurality of operation terminals wherein the information processing device transmits correlation information to the plurality of operation terminals. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest an information communication system as claimed in claim 21 wherein the information processing device includes means for outputting correlation information and the operation terminals include means for receiving the correlation information. The *DeAngelis* patent also does not teach or suggest an operation terminal that displays the received correlation information. Accordingly, allowance of claim 21 is respectfully requested.

Claims 22 and 23 depend from claim 21 and therefore incorporate each limitation of claim 21. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claims 22 and 23 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claims 22 and 23 is respectfully requested.

Claim 24 specifies an information communication system that includes an information processing device and a plurality of operation terminals wherein the information processing device includes a unit that transmits correlation information and the plurality of operation terminals includes a unit that receives the transmitted correlation information. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest an information communication system as claimed in claim 24 wherein the information processing device includes means for outputting correlation information and the operation terminals include means for receiving the correlation information. Accordingly, allowance of claim 24 is respectfully requested.

Claim 31 specifies a recording medium storing a processing program, wherein the processing program comprises the steps of generating correlation information expressing the correlation between a plurality of operation terminals and information operable therethrough and then outputting the correlation information to the corresponding operation terminals. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest transmitting correlation information to operation terminals as required in claim 31. Accordingly, allowance of claim 31 is respectfully requested.

Claims 32-36 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 31 and therefore incorporate each limitation of claim 31. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claims 32-36 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claims 32-36 is respectfully requested.

Newly added independent claim 37 specifies an information processing device that includes, among other elements, display information generating means for assigning information that identifies the operation terminal and for generating display information in accordance with the information that identifies the operation terminal. The device, according to claim 37, also includes transmitting means for transmitting the display information generated by the display information generating means to an operation terminal. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest transmitting correlation information to operation terminals, as required in claim 37. Accordingly, allowance of claim 37 is respectfully requested.

Claims 38-42 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 37 and therefore incorporate each limitation of claim 37. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claims 38-42 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claims 38-42 is respectfully requested.

Newly added independent claim 43 specifies a method for an information processing device to communicate with an operation terminal. The method includes, among other steps, the step of assigning information that identifies the operation terminal and generating display information in accordance with the information that identifies the operation terminal. The method, according to claim 43 also includes the step of transmitting the display information to an operation terminal. As previously described, the *DeAngelis* patent does not teach or suggest transmitting such display information to operation terminals, as required in claim 43. Accordingly, allowance of claim 43 is respectfully requested.

Claims 44-47 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 43 and therefore incorporate each limitation of claim 43. The *DeAngelis* patent, therefore, cannot anticipate claims 44-47 for the reasons previously stated. Accordingly allowance of claims 44-47 is respectfully requested.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the official action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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